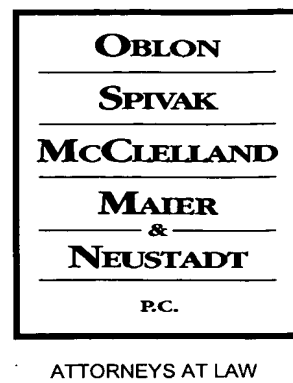




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COMPONENT DEVELOPER FOR
ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHY, IMAGE-FORMING
PROCESS USING THE TONER, AND IMAGE-
FORMING APPARATUS USING THE TONER

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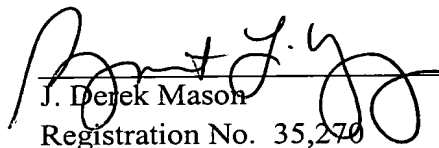
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In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed July 22, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: claims 1-18 and 21, drawn to (a) oxide particles, (b) toner, and (c) an image forming apparatus.

As a single disclosed species, Applicants provisionally elect "Ti" (titanium). Claims 1-11 are readable thereon.

Applicants request that if the elected species is found allowable the Examiner expand the search to non-elected species.